

Waganakising Odawa Tribal Council
Land and Reservation Committee

Minutes
March 12, 2014

Call to Order: 10:11 a.m.

Committee Member Roll Call:

Present: Legislative Leader and Committee Chair Regina Gasco-Bentley, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor and Committee Secretary Michael Naganashe.

Legislative Staff and Council Members present:

Tribal Council Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Treasury Director Michael Garrow, and Legislative Administrative Assistant Yvonne McShane.

Executive Staff:

LTBB Vice Chair Deb Deleon, Executive Services Attorney Diane Vitols and Planning Director Bryan Gillett.

Tribal Citizens Present: Andrew Stich.

Agenda:

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt the agenda of March 12, 2014.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the minutes of February 12, 2014.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried

New Business:

Land Manager – Planning Director Bryan Gillett spoke about a memo he has sent to the Executive about the proposed “Reservation Restoration Planner” position and how the duties for this position could assumed by several other current personnel and a new position would not be needed. We would be able to utilize staff positions already in place. He also spoke about the newly renamed “Reservation Reaffirmation Strategic Plan”.

The Committee has not had any updated regulations in reference to this and would like to have them before making any recommendations to Council about the items discussed. Bryan stated that the updated regulations are already 2/3's complete and will be done soon.

Name for farm property – Tabled.

New Land – Awaiting information from General Counsel Bransky on parcel #75.

There was a discussion about donated land and property options. Legislative Services Attorney Budnick said that she will be sending a confidential email to Tribal Council in relation to these issues.

Councilor Keshick discussed the recent Strategic Plan Meeting that he attended with the Natural Resources Department and some of the issues that will be of concern for the 2020 Consent Decree negotiations in reference to Tribal lands.

11:08 a.m. –Break.

11:19 a.m. –Back in session.

Old Business:

Due Diligence for land parcels 78 and 79 – Vice Chair Deb Deleon said that the Planning Director has been working on this and should have a report ready by the next Land and Reservation Meeting.

Reservation Reaffirmation Strategic Plan – Tabled.

McClurken Report update – Legislative Services Attorney Budnick stated that the “Afterwards” is now complete and in Legal review. This will be discussed in a closed Tribal Council session.

HEARTH statute/regulations – Tabled. Vice-Chair Deb Deleon stated that they are still working on their end of it

Public Comment: 11:37 a.m.

Tribal Citizen Andrew Stich asked about the “Planning Matrix” and how it works. Planning Director Gillett explained how it worked and its usages. Andrew also wanted to know if we had any properties in the Upper Peninsula that we were looking at because there are many citizens that live in the Escanaba area. Councilor Keshick and Councilor Shananaquet stated that if something came up that we would look into it as it was a very good idea because we should have lands where all of our “Clans” are located.

Public Comment Closed: 11:40 a.m.

Motion on by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Naganashe to Adjourn.

Vote: 3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion carried.

Adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for:

April 3, 2014
At 10:00 a.m.
Trial Council Chambers